

The Honorable Michael K. Powell  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, S.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Chairman Powell:

As a customer of DIRECTV, I am writing to urge you to support the pending merger of EchoStar and HUGHES, the parent company of DIRECTV. I believe the merger will increase video and broadband choices for consumers like me.

The combined company will be a much stronger competitor to cable operators by being able to offer me local TV channels via satellite in my market area, which I currently do not receive.

I currently have broadband access to the Internet, but the combination of EchoStar and HUGHES will result in increased competition in the broadband market by providing an affordable high-speed Internet service nationwide via satellite.

I am all for it, as long as prices do not start to go up and the equipment that we might have to replace will be provided for free and of good quality. Not the type that echostar has, I thought the equipment were cheap and directv has better quality receivers. I know cause I worked for Echostar and we had alot of calls about receivers not working and my directv receiver never was a problem.

I appreciate your consideration of my views.

Sincerely,

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